

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you NOT to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will DECREASE video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will mean ONLY ONE competitor to cable operator(s) by being able to offer me a substantial number of local TV channels via satellite in my market area.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, but the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in increased competition in the broadband market by providing an affordable high-speed Internet service nationwide via satellite. But mosy likely will NOT OFFER CHEAPER OR ANY BETTER SERVICE!!

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

Greg Troupe  
814 East Blaine Street  
Seattle, WA 98102